

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1185
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LEASE OF AIRCRAFT FOR AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India Empowered Committee had cleared a proposal to lease three Boeing 777-200 aircraft to enable the Airline to launch more flights to London and US;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it would help AI to overcome the losses suffered by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Empowered Committee approved Air India's proposal to lease 3 X B777-200ER from M/s Bristol Associates for a period of 5 years. The above aircraft will be deployed to operate the following services:

5 flights routed BOMBAY/LONDON/BOMBAY

3 flights routed DELHI/AMRITSAR/BIRMINGHAM/TORANTO/BIRMINGHAM/AMRITSAR/DELHI

3 flights routed KOLKATA/LONDON/KOLKATA

(c): With this lease Air India can take advantage of the increased bilateral entitlements in the India/UK market and also restart its operations to Canada. Air India will therefore be able to increase its revenue, reach and market share.